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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Parul Gupta. (3) _____.
- (2) R. Dabney Eastham. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 19 January 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 11 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Furukawa, US Patent 6,643,230.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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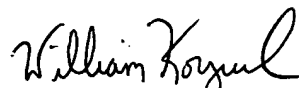
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The interview was conducted to discuss the applicability of the signals taught by Furukawa on the applicant. The applicant contended that the signals taught by Furukawa are different than those used by the applicant because the signals in the applicant's invention are read from the disk while the signals of the reference are artificially generated. Thus, the ratio used for decreasing spherical aberration is different in the reference than in the claims. Although the examiner agreed that the values are different, the examiner contended that the reference still reads on the invention as claimed. The examiner advised defining the pit level more clearly in the claims.



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